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Identical letters dated 7 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to slanderous allegations made by the Palestinian representative in a letter to the Security Council dated 2 October 2014. In the letter, he writes that on 22 September 2014, "Israeli occupying forces assassinated two Palestinians, Marwan Kawasme and Amar Abu Aysha".

The Palestinian representative has once again obscured the facts by intentionally trying to portray two murderous terrorists as innocent bystanders. Surprise, surprise — his letter mysteriously omits a number of critical facts, namely: the individuals in question were Hamas terrorists; they were responsible for the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teens, Eyal Yifrah, Gilad Shaar and Naftali Frenkel; and their act of terror was condemned by the Security Council.

The United Nations will need to open a costume shop to house all the dressed-up stories penned by the Palestinian representative to conceal the truth. The truth is as follows: on the evening of 22 September, Israeli security forces undertook an operation to apprehend Marwan Kawasme and Amar Abu Aysha. As the soldiers closed in, Kawasme and Abu Aysha opened fire against them. Israel's security forces returned fire, and during the clash, the suspects were killed in the exchange.

In his slanted version of events, the Palestinian representative intentionally paints Israel in a negative light. What should be brought to light is the fact that the Palestinian Authority failed to launch an investigation to apprehend the perpetrators behind the kidnapping and killing of the three Israeli teens.

Furthermore, one has to wonder why the Palestinian representative neglects to mention Hamas's role in the attack. Hamas certainly has not been shy about taking responsibility. Saleh al-Arouri, a founder of Hamas's military wing, acknowledged his group's responsibility and described the attack as a "heroic operation by the Qassam Brigades".

The Palestinian delegate's selective description of events, as has been the case with previous letters, erodes his credibility and legitimizes terrorism. It is time for the Palestinian Authority to take constructive steps rather than whitewashing the actions of murderers.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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